

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

It is believed the amendments overcome the objections to the claims.

It is also believed that the amendments to the claims overcome all 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of the claims because none of the cited references disclose a continuous solid, spaghetti like strand as claimed.

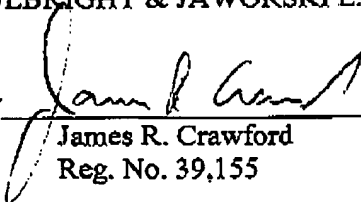
In view of the foregoing, allowance is requested.

Please charge the additional claim fees and any other fees that may be due to deposit account no: 50-0624.

Respectfully submitted,

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